



# Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program (MCCP) Public Scoping Workshops & Comment Period

The California Department of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) is developing regulations to establish cannabis cultivation licensing and a track and trace system, collectively referred to as the Medical Cannabis Cultivation Program (MCCP). The overall purpose of CDFA's licensing program is to ensure medical cannabis cultivation is performed in a manner that protects the environment, cannabis cultivation workers, and the general public from the individual and cumulative effects of these operations, and fully complies with all applicable laws. An additional MCCP purpose is to establish a track and trace program to ensure the movement of medical cannabis items are tracked throughout the production chain.

CDFA is preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to provide the public, state and local agencies, and permitting agencies information about the potential environmental effects associated with the adoption and implementation of these statewide regulations. The PEIR will be prepared and circulated for public review by CDFA in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CDFA will serve as the lead agency pursuant to CEQA and will consider public comments regarding the scope and content of the information to be included in the PEIR.

Public participation is a critical part of the regulation development and environmental review process, and is intended to meet CEQA requirements. CDFA welcomes public participation throughout the planning and environmental review process. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Draft PEIR when it is available.

## The formal comment period for the MCCP scoping begins on **September 1, 2016 and ends September 30, 2016.**

#### Written comments can be mailed to:

California Department of Food and Agriculture Attn: Amber Morris Medical Cannabis Cultivation Comments 1220 N Street, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA 95814

#### Comments may also be emailed to:

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The Notice of Preparation & Regulation Outline can be viewed online at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/mccp. Eight Scoping Workshops will be held to provide the public and regulatory agencies an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments on the scope of the PEIR and regulations.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD FROM 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, September 13 Sacramento

Sacramento Convention Center (Room 202), 1400 J St Sacramento, CA 95814

#### Wednesday, September 14 *Redding*

Red Lion Hotel *(Sierra Room)* 1830 Hilltop Dr Redding, CA 96002

### Thursday, September 15 *Eureka*

Red Lion Hotel *(Pacific Room)* 1929 4th St Eureka, CA 95501

#### Tuesday, September 20 *Oakland*

Oakland Marriott (Skyline Room) 1001 Broadway Oakland, CA 94607

### Wednesday, September 21 *San Luis Obispo*

Courtyard by Marriott (Grand Ballroom) 1605 Calle Joaquin San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

### Thursday, September 22 *Coalinga*

Harris Ranch (Garden Ballroom) 24505 West Dorris Ave Coalinga, CA 93210

#### Tuesday, September 27 Pasadena

Pasadena Convention Center (Ballroom F) 300 East Green St Pasadena, CA 91101

### Wednesday, September 28 Desert Hot Springs

Miracle Springs Resort & Spa (Mirage Ballroom) 10625 Palm Dr Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities or who need assistance to participate. To request assistance or translation services, contact *Michael Stevenson* at *(510) 986-1852* or *Michael@horizonh2o.com*.